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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week we laid to rest another young LAPD officer that left us too soon. The City Council approved additional resources to the Healthy Streets Program in skid row. In committee, we heard a report on one of my previous motions calling for safety marks along the LA River and heard testimony regarding the street vending in Los Angeles. Today we honored a long-time representative of AT&T, Anita Gabrielian.

In the field we were trying to beat the heat and keep cool. We celebrated one year of the art tunnel in Cypress Park, helped install two new neighborhood councils, and secured funding to complete the Ord and Yale Park. We also helped celebrate Richard Alatorre's birthday!

The weather is finally expected to be more pleasant. Have a nice weekend.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Public Urination Motion



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

Councilmember Cedillo introduced a motion that addresses the issue of public urination at public events. Individuals going to or coming from areas that host entertainment or large events occasionally decide to relieve themselves in public. This can negatively affect quality of life for residents around venues that attract large crowds.

In 2003, the City Council passed an ordinance to prohibit public urination and defecation in the public areas of the City, in an effort to curtail this type of behavior. Under this ordinance, individuals who relieve themselves in public can be fined up to \$1,000 and sentenced to up to six months in jail.

While this ordinance is important, public urination still occurs on a regular basis in neighborhoods that have venues that attract large crowds. This motion instructs the Police Department to report on efforts to enforce that law that prohibits urination in public, and what, if any, other efforts the City should undertake to curtail urination in public places by individuals going to or leaving sporting events, special events, bars and nightclubs.

To read the motion, click [here](#).

Marks Along the LA River Motion in Arts/Parks Committee



(Photo Credit: Sergio Infanzon)

On Monday during the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee meeting, the committee considered a motion by Councilmember Cedillo that looks at safety along the LA River. Councilmember Cedillo instructed the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Engineering to conduct a full assessment to evaluate all safety concerns along the LA River bikeway/jogging/walkway. The report will explore mapping locations to install communication devices in case of emergencies, evaluate the conditions of the mile markers on the pavement, conduct an analysis of current street signage to recommend additions or other appropriate safety markers and it will include a report on existing locations where emergency vehicles have proper access to the river.

To read the committee report, click [here](#).

Healthy Streets Update



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday the City Council approved a motion to provide the resources needed to immediately expand the Operation Healthy Streets Program (OHS) to address immediate health and safety issues in the Skid Row area of downtown. The program:

- Increases the frequency of comprehensive and spot cleanings of the Skid Row area
- Increases health and safety inspections of the Skid Row area to identify and address health and safety issues
- Increases the number of trash receptacles in the Skid Row area
- Establishes short-term storage for personal belongings
- Increases the number of toilets and showers available for public use and expands the hours of access to those services

The Council approved \$3,724,073 for the 2014-15 budget.

Street Vending in Econ Development Committee



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday, hundreds of street vendors flooded the Economic Development Committee to urge committee members to legalize street vending in the City. Councilmember Cedillo received accolades for his comments that we need to support street vendors and create a program that is responsible. The Economic Development Committee continued the item for 90 days pending an additional report from the Chief Legislative Analyst.

Read the CLA report [here](#).

Anita Gabrielian In Council



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Today, Councilmember Cedillo honored Anita Gabrielian for her 33 years of service with AT&T. In her years at AT&T and in the dynamic telecommunications industry, Ms. Gabrielian has mastered a variety of positions in Network Design Engineering, Planning and External Affairs. Anita has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Glendale Community College since 2002 and recently earned a fourth term on the college's board after running unopposed. She has been honored by the California State Assembly, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, the National Latina Business Women Association, Business Life Magazine and other community-based organizations.

A friend to many, Anita begins the next chapter in her life. Congratulations!

FIELD UPDATE

Cypress Park Underground Art Tunnel 1yr Anniversary



(Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez)

On Saturday, Councilmember Cedillo joined over 500 people at the art tunnel to recognize and thank Yancey Quiñones, owner of Antigua Coffee House, for his vision and ambassadorship of the art tunnel and Fine Art Solution and L.A. Works for their dedication and support of the art tunnel. The Councilmember's P.E.A.C.E. agenda includes Arts and Culture and the art tunnel is a great use of public space that we are happy to support.

The event entertainment was provided by Angry Cat and Coffee Pot, and featured artists: Richard Duardo, Jose Ramirez, Jose Lozano, Leo Limon, Luis Garza, Ernesto de la Loza, Margaret Garcia, Rafael Cardenas, Rebeca Guerrero, Don Newton and Art Meza, and thought provoking spoken word poetry and storytelling by Jessica Ceballos, Sam Quiñones, Eric Eztli and Conrad Romo.

For upcoming events, visit: www.facebook.com/TunnelArtWalk

Ord & Yale Photo with Supervisor Molina



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Through the support and cooperation of Supervisor Gloria Molina, Councilmember Cedillo was able to secure a commitment of \$950,000 in Proposition A Specified Excess Funds from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles for Chinatown's Ord and Yale Park. The Chinatown community designed the park back in 2010 and successfully received the nearly \$5 million from the statewide competitive 2010 Proposition 84 grant funds. Councilmember Cedillo and Supervisor Molina have worked together over the past 10 months to make the Ord & Yale Street Park and Pedestrian Stairway project a reality. The park project is in the design stage, and demolition is scheduled to commence at the end of 2014.

Teamwork always yields great results!

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Installations



(Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez)

Region 8 neighborhood councils held their elections for open seats on April 26. This Thursday, my staff Jose Rodriguez performed the swearing in ceremony to install the newly elected Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council. The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council was first certified on April 27, 2002 because people in the community wanted to engage City Hall and make a difference. We are happy to see in 2014 that people are keeping the spirit alive.

Congratulations to everyone. Together we will work on issues you care about. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and serve on the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council.

Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council Installations



(Photo Credit: HCNC)

This week, new board members of the Historic Cultural Neighborhood were installed. Congratulations to the new board. We look forward to working with you to improve our communities.

The "Gran Noche" Celebrates 10 years of the Audubon Center at Debs Park



(Photo Credit: Martha Benedict)

Over 150 people attended the "Gran Noche" in celebration of Audubon's 10 year Anniversary. The birds were singing and the stars were twinkling at this magical night at one of CD1's best kept secrets. It's time the world knows of Debs Park, as Ximena Gil, a naturalist and employees at the park explained. She grew up in nearby Lincoln Heights and discovered the park when she jumped the fence. She later became a volunteer and her love of natural habitats continues to evolve. This led her to earn a college degree in the sciences and eventually became employed at Debs Park.

The event raised money for the park to expand the educational outreach programs for local children and schools. With the support of many including the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council, community advocates, the Department of Recreation and Parks and Council District One, many future generations will continue to support the organization's mission of nurturing open space in densely populated inner-city communities.

NEWS UPDATE

Services for Officer Robert Sanchez



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Monday, Councilmember Cedillo joined the family of Robert Sanchez and the LAPD family for the officer's services. On May 3rd, Officer Sanchez was killed in a hit and run accident. He was 32 years old and had been with the department for six years. Sanchez's passing marks the third tragedy for the LAPD this year.

Central City Association Treasures of LA



(Photo Credit: CCA)

On Thursday, Councilmember Cedillo joined Los Angeles' most influential business, civic and community leaders at Central City Association of Los Angeles' 20th Annual Treasures of Los Angeles Luncheon. More than 1,200 people gathered at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel as City Council President Herb Wesson, Jr. kicked off the event, congratulating those who make Los Angeles one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Happy Birthday Richard Alatorre



(Photo Credit: Facebook)

On Thursday, Councilmember Cedillo joined his long-time friend and mentor, Richard Alatorre for a birthday celebration to benefit a local nonprofit. Happy Birthday Richard, sorry about the Clippers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Neighborhood Chamber Music Concert

Monday, May 19th, 2014

8:00 PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

2760 West Pico

Los Angeles, CA 90006

Highland Park Independent Film Festival

A Picture of the Three of Us

Thursday, June 5th, 2014

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Highland Theatre

5604 N. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA 90042

9th Annual Lummis Day

Sunday, June 1st, 2014
11:00AM - 7:00 PM
200 East Avenue 43
Los Angeles, CA 90031

**Lincoln Park Recreation Center
Pool & Bathhouse Replacement Project Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11th, 2014
6:00 PM
Lincoln Park Recreation Center
3501 Valley Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90031



**Sacred Heart High School
3rd Annual Dinner Dance**

Saturday, July 26th, 2014
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
2111 Griffin Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031

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